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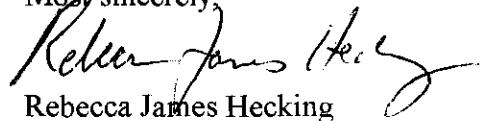
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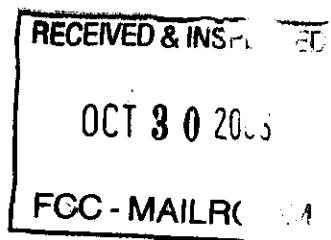
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October 14, 2006



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I am filing a comment on proceeding 06-121 (Media Ownership).

Dear Federal Communications Commission,

I am writing to express my strong disapproval of any relaxation or elimination of the public interest limits on media ownership. Localism and diversity are the cornerstones of a democratic media system, and we cannot afford to compromise them in any way.

Limits on media consolidation have been a bulwark against the concentration of economic power in the marketplace of ideas -- a critical part of balancing the public service mission of the media with their private profit motive. Our democracy requires the free flow of information from a broad range of diverse voices.

Any public policy seeking to protect diversity in the media must recognize the simple fact that ownership matters. Media consolidation has already led to declines in local and minority ownership as well as the homogenization of content in radio and television. Permitting cross-ownership of newspapers and broadcast stations, or allowing further concentration in local television markets, will only worsen the problems we already have.

When the FCC attempted to weaken and remove media ownership limits in 2003, millions of Americans rose up in protest. Congress and the courts ultimately intervened to turn back that misguided regulatory process.

Now that these same rules are being reconsidered, the FCC should stand firm with the public against further concentration of media ownership in the hands of the few. A vote against media consolidation is a vote for democracy.

Sincerely,

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Other Comments:



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***I am filing a comment on proceeding FP-003
(Media Ownership: Out of the Picture).***

Dear Federal Communications Commission,

I am writing to express my outrage that the FCC has failed in efforts to monitor and foster more minority ownership of television stations. There is something terribly wrong with our media system when minorities comprise such substantial parts of the U.S. population but own so few broadcast outlets.

A recent report by the media reform organization Free Press found that that while minorities make up 33 percent of the U.S. population, only 3.26 percent of all broadcast stations are owned by minorities. The report also finds that the number of minority owned stations has dropped since more consolidated media ownership was permitted in the 1996 Telecommunications Act.

Diversity is the cornerstone of a democratic media system; we cannot afford to lose it in any way. It would be unconscionable for the FCC to let large media owners buy up more local media outlets before redressing the agency's failure to foster minority voices in the media.

The FCC should not allow relaxation or elimination of the limits on media ownership without first hearing out widespread public concern about the problems of minority representation and lack of minority broadcast station owners. Allowing further concentration of local media markets, will only worsen the problems we already have.

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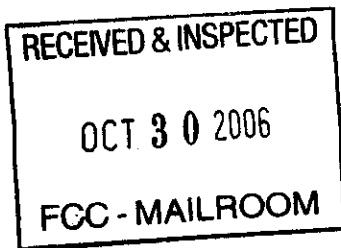
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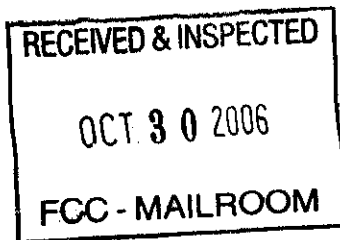
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Joan Heron

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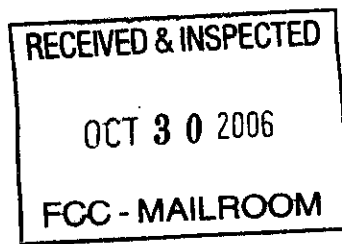
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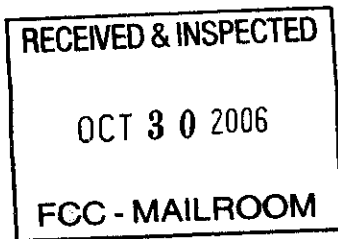
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